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OF

SUPREME GRAND LODGE

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER

OF

Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria

IN AMERICA.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SUPREME GRAND LODGE.

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OPENING.

The Grand Chief, on taking the chair, will give one rap with the gavel.

G. C—Brothers and Sisters be pleased to clothe yourselves in regalia, and the officers will take their respective stations.

G. C—Brother Grand Vice, your duty in this G. L.

G. V—To act in conjunction with the Grand Chief in the active duties of this G. L., and to have charge of the inner door.

G. C—Brother Grand Secretary, your duty in this Grand Lodge.

G. Sec—To record the proceedings of the G. L., receive all quarterly returns, moneys and money bills from the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges, and pay the same over to the G. Financial Secretary, and taking his receipts therefor.

G. C—Brother G. F. Sec. your duty in this G. L.

G. F. Sec.—To keep a fair and impartial account between the G. L. and the Subordinate Lodges; receive all moneys and money bills from the G. Sec.; paying the same over to the G. Treasurer, and taking his receipts for the same.

G. C—Brother G. T. your duty in the G. L.

G. T—To receive all moneys and money bills from the G. F. Sec., pay the drafts when legally made out and signed by the G. C. and the G. F. Sec., with the seal of the G. L. attached.

G. C—Brother G. Prelate your duty in the G. L.

G. P—To implore Divine blessing upon this G. L. and the Order in general, direct the minds of candidates to solemn and wholesome instructions, so that they may receive the obligation and pledge.

G. C—Brother G. I. Sen. your duty in the G. L.

G. I. Sen.—To have charge of the inner door, suffer none to pass or repass during the Opening, Initiatory, and Closing ceremonies, and admit none unless properly clothed in regalia.

G. C—Brother G. Con. your duty in the G. L.

G. Con—To prepare the candidate for initiation and conduct them to the proper officers for instructions, collect the password, and report to the G. Vice those who are not qualified to remain.

G. C—Brother D. Con. your duty in the G. L.

D. Con—To assist the G. Con. in collecting the password, and to officiate for him in his absence.

G. C—Brother G. Marshal your duty in the G. L.

G. M—To arrange everything in order for the opening of the G. L., take care of the jewels and regalias of the G. L., and see that none be damaged or lost.

G. C—Thank you, my brother. *Three raps.*

G. C—Brother G. Vice, it is my will and pleasure that this Grand Lodge be opened for the transaction of such business as may legally be brought before it. You will please communicate the same to the G. Mar.

G. Vice—Brother G. Mar. it is the will of the G. C. that this G. L. be opened for the transaction of such business as may legally be brought before it. You will please communicate the same to the members.

G. Mar—Brothers and Sisters, it is the will and pleasure of the G. C., communicated to me by the G. Vice, that this G. L. be opened for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it. You will

please take notice of the same and thereby be governed by Love, Purity, and Truth.

G. C—Brothers and Sisters, Divine Providence has again permitted us to meet here to transact such business as the interests of the Order demand. Let us discuss all matters frankly and decide them in the spirit of the Good Samaritan. Let us sing the opening ode.

Great God, now condescend
To bless our rising race;
Soon may their willing spirits bend,
The subjects of thy grace.

O what a pure delight
Their happiness to see!
Our warmest wishes all unite
To lead their souls to thee.

Now bless, thou God of Love,
This ordinance divine;
Send thy Good Spirit from above,
And make these children thine.

PRAYER.

G. C—The members will now assist in opening the Lodge. *All give the countersign.*

G. C—I now declare this G. L. open. *One rap.*

INITIATION.

G. C—The G. Con. will retire to the ante-room and see if there are any Representatives-elect to be initiated, and report.

The G. Con. retires and receives the credentials of such as have not the opportunity to present them to the G. Sec., makes a list of those present, giving also the names and numbers of the Lodges they represent in numerical order, and returns and says:

G. Con—R. W. G. Chief, I find in the ante-room Brothers —— or Sisters —— Representatives-elect from ——— Lodges. (reading the list and then handing it to the G Sec.; also the credentials he received.)

G. C—Brother G. Sec., have you the credentials of these Representatives-elect, and have you examined them and ascertained if they conform to the laws of our Order?

The G. Sec. first reports the name or names of any who have not proper credentials for action by the G. L. The Roll having been perfected, and the names of all Representatives properly entered in the Roll-book, the G. Sec. says:

G. Sec.—R. W. G. Chief, the following persons now present in the ante room (reading the names) having been properly elected to this Grand Lodge are entitled to all the privileges of Representatives.

G. C—The G. Con. will please introduce these Representatives-elect.

The G. Con. retires, arranges the Representatives two abreast, advances to the door and gives six loud raps.

G. Sent—Who seeks to gain admission?

G. Con—Representatives-elect to this Grand Body.

G. Sent—Have they attained the seventh Degree?

G. Con—They have.

G. Sent—R. W. G. Chief the G. Con. with Representatives to this Grand Lodge desire admission.

G. C—Admit them.

The G. Con. leads them to the G. Chief and says:

G. Con—R. W. G. Chief, I present to you these Representatives-elect for examination.

The G. C. steps forward and examines each separately in the Grips, Words, Signs, and Tokens (from the first to the seventh Degree) then resumes his place and says:

G. C—Brother G. Con. please conduct these Representatives elect to the R. W. P. G. Chief to receive the Obligaeion. *Three raps. Grand Lodge sings.*

O God, our help in ages past,
  Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
  And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
  Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
  And our defence is sure.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
  With all their cares and fears,
Are carried downward by the flood,
  And lost in foll'wing years.

During the singing, the G. Con. and Representatives-elect march around the room; and at its close stop in front of the P. G. Chief.

G. Con—R. W. P. G. Chief, these Representatives-elect, having passed a satisfactory examination by the R. W. G. Chief, are referred to you for obligation.

P. G. C *rising*—Brothers and sisters, you will place yourselves in the attitude to receive the obligation.

Three raps. Grand Lodge rises.

P. G. C—You will please repeat your names. I, —— ———, do solemnly pledge my honor that I will keep secret within my own breast all secret signs, passwords, grips and tokens of the Order that I have received or may hereafter receive; and I will yield a cheerful obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Supreme Grand Lodge, acknowledging its supremacy over the Order; and that I will promptly recognize the authority of the Officers properly elected under such Constitution and By-Laws; that I will not wrong the Order nor any member of it to the value of anything. I will not say nor do anything calculated to injure the character of the Order, nor any of its members; that in all proper ways I will strive to advance the interests of the Order and to promote the cause of Total Abstinence from all intoxicating drinks; and that I will labor for the advancement of the Lodge of which I am a member, and I will never refuse to take office when by so doing I can add to the interests of its membership or the effectiveness of its working power. All of which I promise with a full determination to keep my pledge unbroken.

The candidates here kiss the Bible three times. G. L. responds, "So mote it be now and forever, Amen."

P. G. C—The G. Con. will now escort you to the R. W. G. Chief for further instructions.

One rap. Grand Lodge seated.

G. Con—R. W. G. Chief, these Representatives have been obligated and are now referred to you for further instructions.

G. C. *rising*—Brothers and Sisters, it remains that you be made acquainted with the secret work of this G. L. We give it to you with the fullest confidence of your integrity. There are four signs: the Salutation, the sign of Recognition, a Grip, and Word. Coming to the outer door of the G. L., you will give three distinct knocks, the outside sentinel will answer by giving one. You will give him in a low whisper a portion of the word, he will then admit you. You will then clothe in regalia, and give six raps at the inner door; the inside sentinel will answer by giving two, he will then open the wicket, to him you will give the Password, and he will admit you You will then advance to the center of the room and give the Salutation to the G. C. thus: ——— It will be answered by the Chair thus: ———. You will then take your seat. On retiring you will give the G. L. Salutation, the same as on entering, to the W. G. Vice Chief. You will salute the G. C. on coming into the G. L., but on retiring you will salute the G. Vice. The sign of Recognition is given thus: ———. The Grip of the G. L. is also given thus: — . I will now give you the Password of the G. L. (in a whisper) which is good for the year. Being properly instructed in the secret works of the G. L., you will now sign the Roll of Membership and then retire to the anteroom, clothe yourselves in regalia and work your way into the G. L.

After the initiation of Representatives-elect, the Grand Lodge proceeds to transact any necessary business, in its proper order.

INSTALLATION.

The Past Grand Chief shall officiate in the ceremony of Installation.

The P. G. C. takes the chair and inquires if the returns have been made out and the percentage appropriated to to the Supreme Grand Lodge. If it has been he proceeds with the Installation in the following manner:

P. G. C—The Officers will vacate their respective offices and deliver up all property of the Grand Lodge in their possession to the Grand Conductor. The officers-elect will accompany the G. Con. to the anteroom.

During the absence of the G. Con., the P. G. C. appoints a G. Sentinel, an acting P. G. Chief and G. Prelate. The G. Con. having arranged the officers in the proper order, commencing with the Sentinel, advances to the door and gives three loud raps, which are answered by three from within, and announces to the G. Sentinel that the G. Con. and officers-elect are in waiting.

The G. Sentinel says:

G. Sent—W. P. G. Chief, the G. Con. and Officers-elect of this Grand Lodge are in waiting.

P. G. C—Admit them.

Three raps. The Grand Lodge sings.

Children of the Heavenly King,
As ye journey sweetly sing,
Sing your Saviour's worthy praise,
Glorious in His works and ways.

Shout, ye little flock and blest,
Soon you'll enter into rest;
There your seat is now prepared,
There your kingdom and reward.

Lord, submissive make us go,
Gladly leaving all below,
Only Thou our leader be,
And we still will follow thee.

During the singing the G. Con. escorts the Officers-elect around the room, and at the close of the singing faces the presiding P. G. Chief. One rap.

G. Con—W. P. G. Chief, I present to you for instruction the Officers-elect of this G. L.

P. G. Chief rising says:

P. G. C—The Grand Lodge, confiding in your integrity, have entrusted to your hands the official interests of this Grand Body. Guard them sacredly; much depends upon the manner in which you discharge the duties assigned you; be vigilant, be prudent, be active, that the dignity, usefulness, and efficiency of this Grand Lodge may be essentially advanced by your elevation to office; ever bearing in mind that the Order looks to your example, and that its efficiency and worth will be judged by your actions; as you value the Order and your own integrity be faithful to its interests. The G. Con. will now escort you to the G. Prelate.

The G. Con. then escorts the Officers-elect to the G. P. and says:

G. Con.—W. G. Prelate, I present to you the G. Officers-elect.

The G. P. rising, says:

G. P.—On all our labors let us ask Divine blessing. *Three raps.*

PRAYER.

After prayer the G. Con. escorts the G. Officers elect to the presiding P. G. C. and says:

G. Con—W. P. G. Chief, I present to you for obligation and investment the G. Officers elect.

The P. G. C. rising, says:

P. G. C—You will place yourselves in the proper position to receive the obligation.

I, —— ———, do solemnly and sincerely pledge my sacred honor to faithfully discharge all the duties of this office to the best of my ability during the present term and until my successor has been duly elected and installed. I will allow no infringment on the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge. I will surrender to my successor in office, or to the G. Lodge, all property entrusted to my keeping at the expiration of my term of office or sooner if called upon to do so. I will obey all instructions of this Grand Lodge, and perform all other duties that may be required of me. I furthermore promise to use my best efforts to extend the Order and advance its interests. All of which I promise with a full determination to keep my pledge unbroken.

P. G. C—In token of your sincerity you will kiss the Book three times. *One rap.*

P. G. C—G Sent. and Associate, it is your duty to guard well the entrance to this Grand Lodge, to see that no one is admitted unless well qualified; to see that no one enters the ante-room of this G. Lodge who is not entitled to admission. Be faithful, be vigilant. The G. Con. will invest you with regalia and escort you to your stations.

G. Con. and Associate, it is your duty to report all who have not the Password, and to introduce new Representatives-elect. May you prove worthy guides indeed, not only here but through all the walks of life.

G. Orator and Associate, you are expected to set forth, on all proper occasions, the merits of our Order as a reforming and benevolent organization, working under the banner of Total Abstinence from the sale of all intoxicating beverages. Look well to your duty, and thus show your devotion to our cause.

The G. Prelate and Associate, you are to conduct the devotional exercises of this Grand Lodge.

W. G. Treasurer and Associate, it is your duty to receive from the G. Secretary all moneys of the G. L. and to keep them a sacred trust, subject to the order of this G. Lodge; and to be paid out only upon the drafts of its Executive Officers.

W. G. Secretary and Associate, it is your duty to keep correct minutes of the proceedings of this G. Lodge, as well as a record of the names of each Subordinate Lodge and the number of its members, and to receive all moneys and reports. Also to report to the Supreme Grand Secretary, quarterly, the number of members of each Lodge, the number who have died, the names of all who been suspended, expelled, or have withdrawn, the amount of money received by the Grand Lodge, the sum on hand, and to transmit the percentage due the Supreme Grand Lodge to the Supreme Grand Secretary. Upon the proper discharge of these duties the Grand Lodge relies for its success. Be careful, be circumspect, that errors may not creep in.

Worthy Grand Vice Chief and Associate, you are to assist the G. C. in keeping order; to have charge of the entrance to the Lodge room; to see that none enter who are not properly qualified; and to assist in the various ceremonies of this Grand Lodge. The G. Con. will escort you to your several positions, and clothe you in the regalia of your offices.

Worthy Grand Chief and Associate, D. G. Chief and G. C. Associate, confiding in your integrity the G. L. have entrusted to you the executive management of this G. L., the highest honor they could confer upon you. Be courteous, impartial, prompt. Upon the proper discharge of your duties the unity of the G. L. depends. Confiding in your wisdom, moderation and fidelity, I now invest you with the regalia of your offices, and proclaim Bro. —— ———, Grand Chief, and Sister —— ———, Deputy G. Chief, and Bro. ——— and Sister ———D. G. C's Associate, for the current year, until your successors are elected and installed. The G. Con. will escort the D. G. C. to his seat. The W. G. C. and associate will please be seated at the right hand, and to the left of the presiding P. G. Chief.

The G. Con. here presents the G. C. and Associate whose term of office has just expired and says :

G. Con.—R. W. P. G. Chief, I present Bro. ———, who has just finished his term as G. C., and his Associate Sister ———, that they may be properly installed in their new positions according to the custom of our Order.

P. G. C—Worthy Brother and Sister, it is with pleasure I pass you to the honorable stations of P. G. C. and P. G. P. Daughter. Great has been your responsibilities in the past, and still more influential in the position to which you have now attained. You are now elevated to the position of constitutional members of the Supreme Grand Lodge, which membership you retain as long as you pay dues and remain in good standing in a subordinate Lodge. Occupying a place so elevated—a position coveted by many and gained by few—let your every act be in strict conformity to the laws and usages of our noble Order.

You are now set before the Order as a beacon-light to the mariner; be careful, therefore, at all times to manifest due respect for the obligations you have taken, that none may stumble through your example, nor the cause of temperance and humanity suffer from any act of yours. The G. Con. will now clothe you in proper regalia, and conduct you to your chair.

P. G. C—Worthy Grand Chief and Associate, I now place in your possession the Charter, Rituals, and private works of this Grand Body. (Here give the G. L. password for the current year.) You will now enter at once upon the duties of your office. Then, by virtue of authority vested in me, I now proclaim the Officers of this Grand Lodge duly installed.

INSTALLATION ODE.

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
  Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
  And crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
  A remnant weak and small;
Hail Him who saves you by his grace,
  And crown him Lord of all.

Ye gentiles, sinners, ne'er forget
  The wormwood and the gall;
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
  And crown him Lord of all.

Teachers, who surely know his love,
  Who feel your sin and thrall,
Now join with all the hosts above,
  And crown him Lord of all.

CLOSING.

G. C—Worthy Grand Secretary, is there any further business to be brought before this Grand Lodge at this time?

G. Sec.—There is none that I am aware of, R. W. G. Chief.

G. C—Worthy Grand Treasurer, you will please state the amount of money received at this session of the Grand Lodge.

After the report of the Grand Treasurer, the G. C. calls up the Grand Lodge by giving three raps.

G. C.—Worthy Representatives, having completed the business of this session of the G. L., we will now proceed to close. Accept our thanks for your presence and attention. May we all retire from this place feeling that it was good to have been here. And keeping in mind that Good Samaritan who is our great example, did not ask the poor man he found by the way in distress, whether he was Jew or Gentile, but only of his necessities—let us return to our homes to labor with renewed energy in the cause of Total Abstinence from all intoxicating drinks; to reform the drunkard and raise the fallen. In our intercourse with the world outside our Order, as well as with our brethren, may Love, Purity and Truth govern all our actions. The G. L. will please sing:

Come, christian brethren, ere we part,
Joined every voice and every heart;
One solemn hymn to God we raise,
One final song of grateful praise.

Christians, we here may meet no more;
But there is yet a happier shore;
An there, released from toil and pain,
Dear brethren, we shall meet again.

G. C.—W. G. Prelate, you will please dismiss us with the Benediction.

G. C.—I now declare this session of the G. Lodge duly closed.

Members and Representatives—"So it is." *One rap.*

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